

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Seventeenth Week of Pentecost – September 13, 2026

"Taking Gathered Worship Home" (TGW) has been developed for you to use in the private worship of your home, whether you are married or single, and whether or not you have children. It is a tool to knit us together throughout the church year. While we would encourage the use of TGWH in its entirety, you are encouraged to adapt the offerings to your particular circumstances. The prayer is taken from "Lutheran Worship," the Psalm readings are taken from the "Book of Common Prayer," and the daily readings are from "The Book of Common Worship."

Almighty God, you exalted your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67
Hosea 1:1–2:1
James 3:1–13
Matthew 13:44–52
Evening Psalter – 19, 46
♪ *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 89:1–18
Hosea 2:2–15
Acts 20:17–38
Luke 5:1–11
Evening Psalter – 89:19–52
♪ *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 97, 99, 100
Hosea 2:16–23
Acts 21:1–14
Luke 5:12–26
Evening Psalter – 94, 95
♪ *The God of Abr'ham Praise* (p. 9)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 101, 109
Hosea 3:1–5
Acts 21:15–26
Luke 5:27–39
Evening Psalter – 119:121–144
♪ *Doxology* (p. 10)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 105:1–22
Hosea 4:1–11
Acts 21:27–36
Luke 6:1–11
Evening Psalter – 105:23–45
♪ *Sanctus* (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 102
Hosea 4:12–19
Acts 21:37–22:16
Luke 6:12–26
Evening Psalter – 107:1–32
♪ *Before the Throne of God Above* (p. 11)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 107:33–43, 108
Hosea 5:1–7
Acts 22:17–29
Luke 6:27–38
Evening Psalter – 33
♪ *Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness* (pp. 12–13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 109. Does God in this commandment forbid nothing more than adultery and similar shameful sins?

A. Since we, body and soul, are temples of the Holy Spirit, it is God's will that we keep ourselves pure and holy. Therefore he forbids all unchaste acts, gestures, words, thoughts, desires,^[1] and whatever may entice us to unchastity.^[2]

[1] Matt. 5:27–29; I Cor. 6:18–20; Eph. 5:3, 4. [2] I Cor. 15:33; Eph. 5:18.

Q. 110. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery^[1] but also such wicked schemes and devices as false weights and measures, deceptive merchandising, counterfeit money, and usury;^[2] we must not defraud our neighbor in any way, whether by force or by show of right.^[3] In addition God forbids all greed^[4] and all abuse or squandering of his gifts.^[5]

[1] Ex. 22:1; I Cor. 5:9, 10; 6:9, 10. [2] Deut. 25:13–16; Ps. 15:5; Prov. 11:1; 12:22; Ezek. 45:9–12; Luke 6:35. [3] Mic. 6:9–11; Luke 3:14; James 5:1–6. [4] Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:5. [5] Prov. 21:20; 23:20, 21; Luke 16:10–13.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: September 20, 2026, Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Reading: Romans 9:30–10:21
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The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 27:1–9	Isaiah 55:6–9
Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30	Matthew 20:1–16